

S-464  
Rudolph Tilghman House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1900

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Rudolph Tilghman House

MHT Inventory Number: S-464

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-464  
Magi No.  
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common RUDOLPH TILGHMAN HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number 27883 Jim Moore Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tilghman, Sr.

street & number P. O. Box 294 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code Maryland 21868

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 323

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 655

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title  
date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local  
pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Standing at 27883 Jim Moore Road is a two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame dwelling currently known as the Rudolph Tilghman house, which faces west and the road. The gable roof of the main block is oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1900-1910, this two-story, three-bay frame structure is supported on a low brick pier foundation covered with tin sheeting. A uniform cladding of vinyl siding covers the main block and a steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story kitchen wing.

The west (main) facade is a two-story, three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. A shed roof porch, partially enclosed, shelters the first floor. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced single-pane sash windows. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Piercing the roofline is a single brick stove chimney topped with a corbelled cap.

The north and south gable ends are alike with single one-over-one sash windows lighting the first and second floors, and a pointed arch window marks the upper gable end. The eaves are extended and the soffits are enclosed.

The east wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay by one room kitchen wing, which is extended farther east by a small single-story, gable roofed frame storage building. The kitchen wing is marked by a partially glazed side door on the south wall, which is joined by an adjacent two-over-two sash window. A single two-over-two sash window pierces the second floor. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stove chimney.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

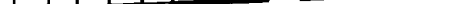
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UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

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**B**

Zone Easting Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

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name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 6/14/95  
610-651-1094

street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-851-1034
			21871

city or town	Westover	state	Maryland	zip	21871
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Rudolph Tilghman House  
27883 Jim Moore Road  
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland  
Chain of title

323/655                      Harold O. Waters  
                                 Ella M. Waters

to

5/30/1980                    Rudolph Melvin Tilghman, Sr.  
                                 Virginia Laurena Tilghman

ITP 297/550                   Bessie Moore, Laura Moore, Gertrude Moore,  
                                 Sarah Horsey, Olivia Keith

to

12/6/1976                    Harold O. Waters  
                                 Ella M. Waters  
                                 (except so much as may have been conveyed by  
                                 Emanuel J. Waters and Mollie Waters unto Sarah  
                                 Sterling and Elberta Sterling 4/3/1940  
                                 117/191)

SFD 59/172                    George A. Cox  
                                 Susie E. Cox

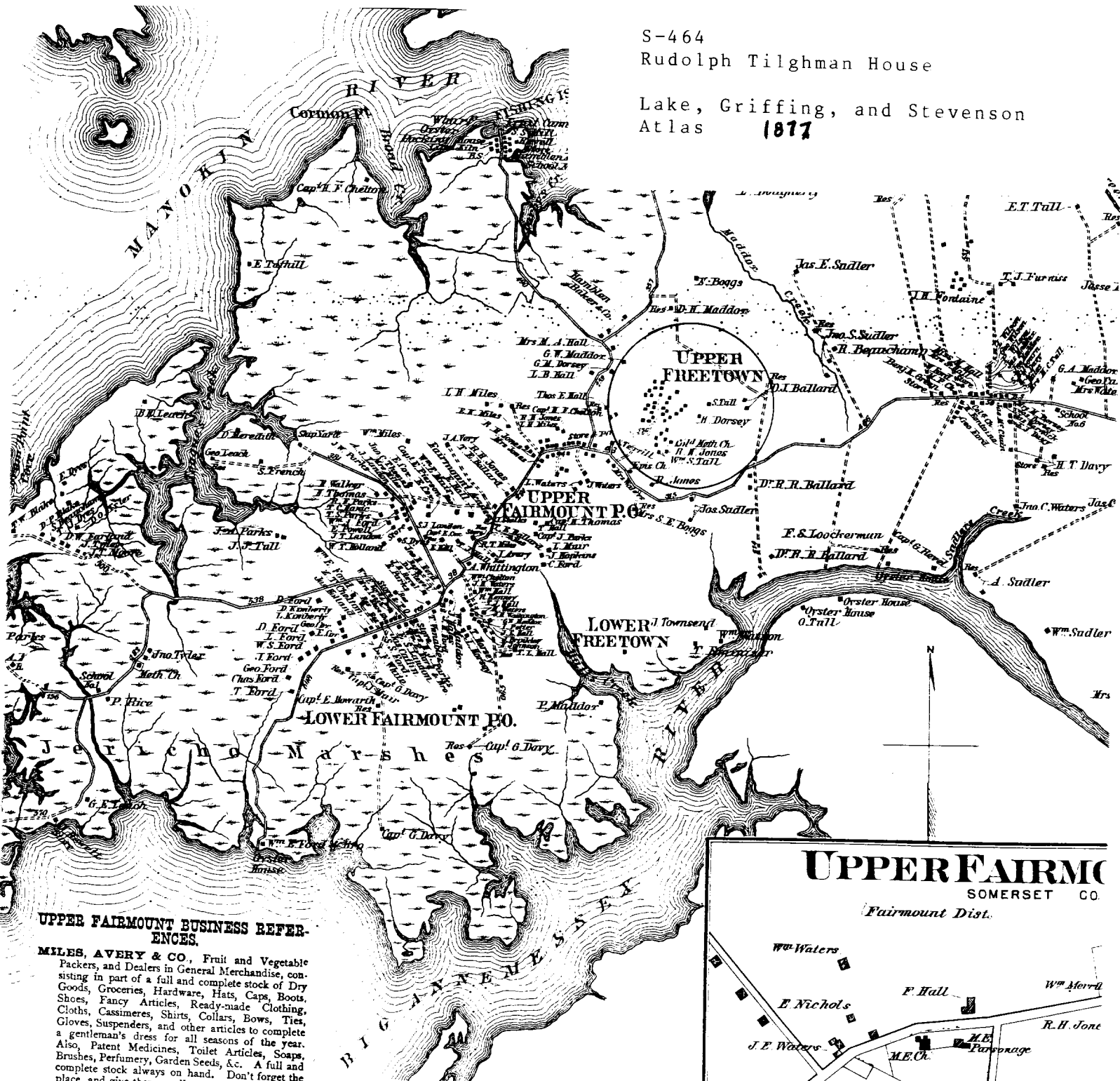
to

11/6/1911                    Emanuel J. Waters  
                                 ½ acre

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
Atlas 1877



#### UPPER FAIRMOUNT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

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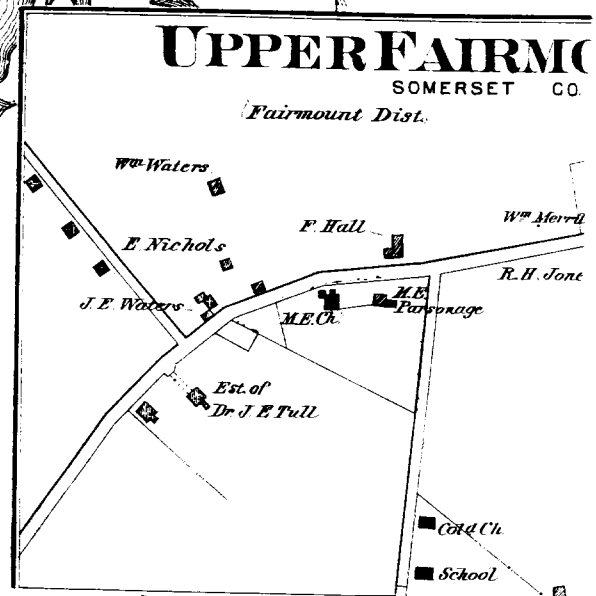
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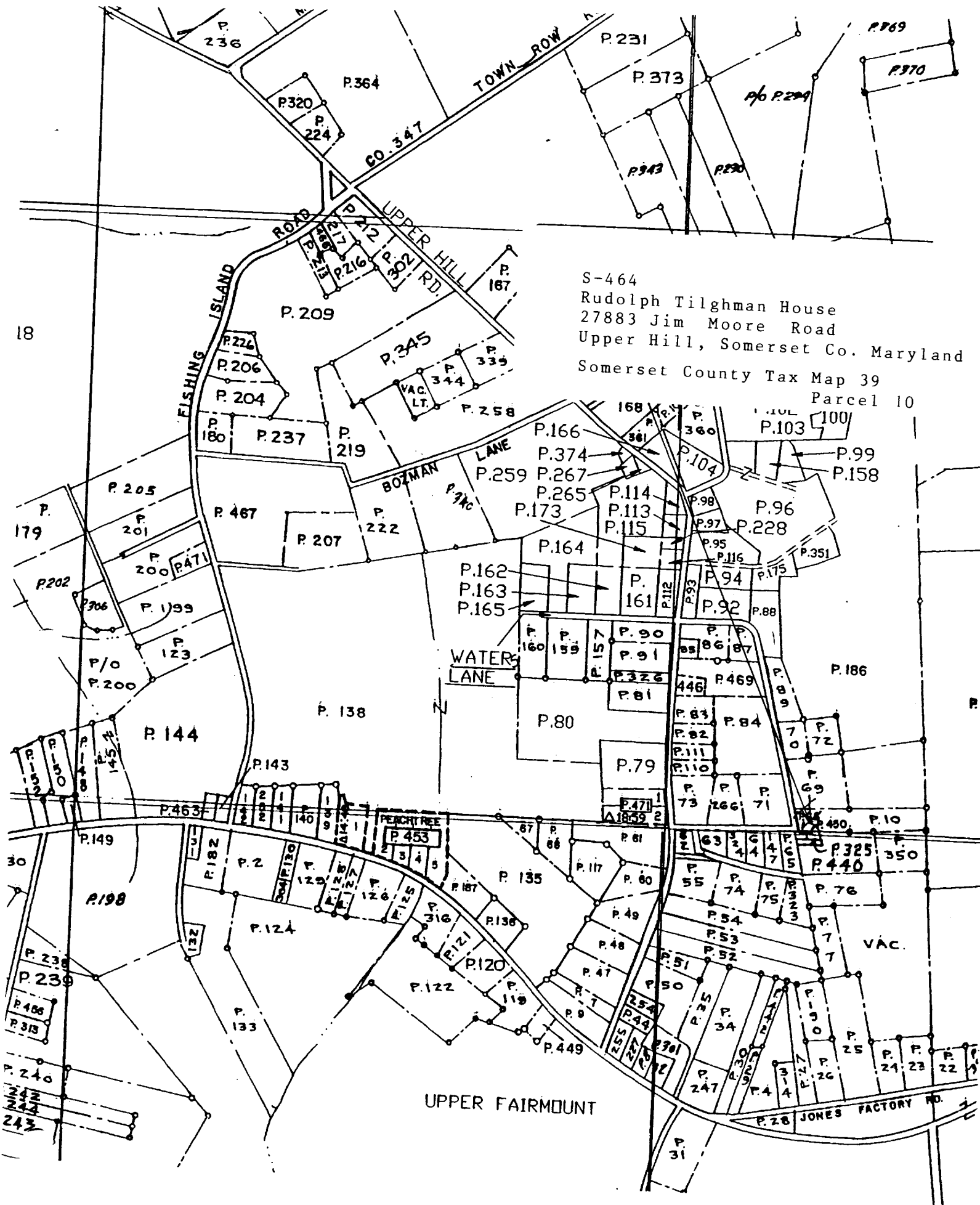
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 27883 Jim Moore Road  
 Upper Hill, Somerset Co. Maryland  
 Somerset County Tax Map 39  
 Parcel 10

UPPER FAIRMOUNT

JONES FACTORY RD.

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MARYLAND-SOMERS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOI

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Rudolph Tilghman House  
Upper Hill, Somerset County, MD

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
1972





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RUDOLPH TILGEMAN HOUSE  
UPPER HILL, SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.  
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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